THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AIDS Testing Centres

37. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up AIDS testing centres in all the district headquaters in the country for providing pre and post-testing counseling along with free tests for HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At present 142 VCTCs have been established in various medical colleges of the country. During current financial year, VCTCs will be established in all the districts of 6 high prevalence States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Manipur and Nagaland. In other States, districts are being covered in a phased manner to establish one VCTC in each district hospital.

Adulteration in Cumin

38. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Mehangai ke karan jeera mein sounf aur mitti kee bhati melavate", published in Navbharat Times dated the 22nd June, 2001;

(b) whether there is abundance of adulteration of fennel and sawdust in cumin;

(c) whether Food Adulteration Department has not taken any